

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AIDES work under the supervision of occupational therapists or occupational therapist assistants to provide rehabilitative services to persons with mental, physical, emotional, or developmental impairments. The ultimate goal is to improve clients' quality of life by helping them compensate for limitations.

The Occupational Therapist Aides are entry-level positions that do not require a state license. Occupational Therapist Aides perform a less complex and narrower range of tasks than occupational therapist assistants. The typical tasks for an Aide include preparing materials and assembling equipment used during treatment and scheduling appointments, answering the telephone, restocking or ordering depleted supplies, and filling out insurance forms or other paperwork.

Requirements

- ▲ High school diploma or equivalent.
- ▲ Strong written and oral communication skills.
- ▲ Strong interpersonal skills.
- ▲ Desire to help others.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance may be required by employer.

Wages

- ▲ Occupational Therapist Aides
Median hourly wage: \$13.01
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$31,378

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

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Job Outlook

- ▲ Estimated employment of Occupational Therapist Aides in 2005:

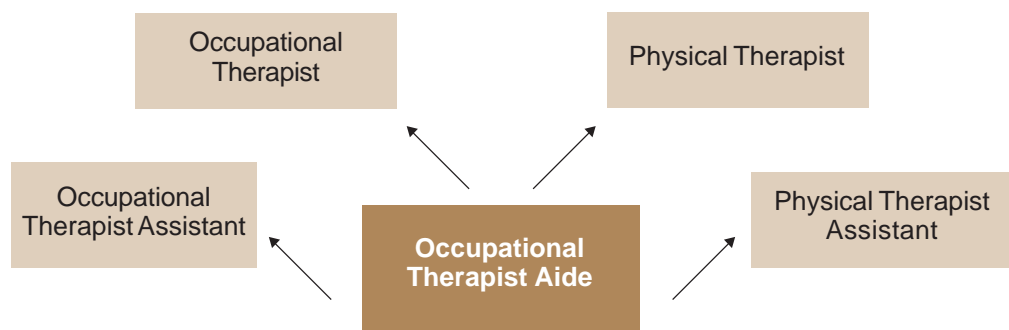
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Source: Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey (May 2005), EDD/LMID.

Sources of Information

- ▲ California Board of Occupational Therapy
(916) 322-3394
www.bot.ca.gov
- ▲ *California Occupational Guide*, No. 566
Occupational Therapy Assistants/Occupational Therapy Aides

Possible Career Paths



The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.